

## **REMARKS**

By this amendment, claims 2, 7-14, 16 and 21-28 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 15, 17, 18 and 20 are amended. Currently, claims 1, 3-6, 15, 17-20 and 29-38 are pending in the application, of which claims 1, 15, 29, 34 and 36 are independent. Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments do not add new matter to the application and are fully supported by the specification.

Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested because it places the present application in condition for allowance, or in the alternative, better form for appeal. In view of the above Amendments and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections for the reasons discussed below.

### **Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §102**

Claims 1, 7-15 and 21-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 6,069,620 issued to Nakamura, et al. ("Nakamura"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for at least the following reasons.

In this response, claims 7-14 and 21-28 have been cancelled. Also, independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 2. Independent claim 15 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 16. The Office Action indicates that the subject matters of claims 2 and 16 are patentably distinct from Nakamura. Thus, it is submitted that amended claims 1 and 15 are also patentable at least for the same reason.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejection of claims 1 and 15.

### **Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §103**

Claims 2-6, 16-20 and 29-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakamura in view of U. S. Patent No. 6,476,792 issued to Hattori, et al. ("Hattori"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for at least the following reasons.

This application claims priority from Korean Patent Application No. 2000-66757 filed on November 10, 2000. Hattori was filed December 26, 2000. Since the priority date of this application antedates Hattori, it is submitted that Hattori does not qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of claims 2-6, 16-20 and 29-38.


### **Conclusion**

Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action and respectfully submits that all of the stated objections and grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

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**APPENDIX:** English Translation of Certified Copy of Priority Korean Application  
Statement Verifying Accuracy of Translation

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